

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. Claim 1 (cancelled)

2. (currently amended) A damper assembly with a torque limiter, said damper assembly having a single torque transmission path between an input axis and an output axis, and comprising:

a friction torque limiter between said input axis or said output axis and an airtight damper, said friction torque limiter being in series with said damper and limiting the torque which can be transmitted through said damper, wherein said friction torque limiter is disposed outside said airtight damper and includes a torque transmission plate fixed to a drive member of the damper, and a friction plate held in frictional engagement with said torque transmission plate by a press plate having a radially outer peripheral portion spline engaged with an-a radially inner peripheral portion of a torque transmitting member and pressed toward said torque transmission plate by a press spring.

Claims 3-4 (cancelled)

5. (previously presented) A damper assembly with a torque limiter, said damper assembly having a single torque transmission path between an input axis and an output axis, and comprising:

a friction torque limiter between said input axis or said output axis and an airtight damper, said friction torque limiter being in series with said damper and limiting the torque which can be transmitted through said damper, wherein said friction torque limiter is provided inside said airtight damper and includes a ring member having a conical peripheral periphery providing a friction surface through which torque is transmitted in said friction path.

6. (new) A damper assembly with a torque limiter according to Claim 5, wherein said friction surface is a radially outer peripheral surface of said ring member.

7. (new) A damper assembly with a torque limiter, said damper assembly having a single torque transmission path between an input axis and an output axis, and comprising:

a friction torque limiter between said input axis or said output axis and an airtight damper, said friction

torque limiter being in series with said damper and limiting the torque which can be transmitted through said damper, wherein said friction torque limiter is provided inside said airtight damper and includes a ring member having a conical peripheral friction surface which is frictionally engaged with an adjacent conical surface and through which torque is thereby transmitted in said friction path.

8. (new) A damper assembly with a torque limiter according to Claim 7, wherein said friction surface is a radially outer peripheral surface of said ring member.